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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE

DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE
MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
DECISION TO APPROVE

FOR ROCANVILLE STONE, TEJON, OUARRIES MILLARD COUNTY LIT

QUARRIES, MILLARD COUNTY, UT : NO. M/027/087

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 29 AND 30, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, SLBM, MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Rocanville Stone's Tejon Quarries. Mining activities will affect the following area: S1/2 of NW1/4, Section 29; S1/2 of NE1/4, Section 30; W1/2 of SE1/4, Section 30; and NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 13 West.

Rocanville Stone has submitted a permit application to expand an existing small mining project to a large mining operation. Reclamation surety will be provided to the Division for the proposed project disturbance. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 20 acres of federal land.

During Operations: This is an open pit operation. Limestone will be mined from the highwall faces and floor of the open pits(quarries). An excavator or front end loader will be used to pick up and move stone from the quarry floor to a work area, where it will be spread out in thin layers away from the quarry highwall face. Excavators, front end loaders, and/or dozers will be used in the operation. Palletized stone will be transported from the site on flatbed trucks. Quarry access roads and waste dumps will be constructed with safety berms as required by MSHA. Blasting will be in accordance with MSHA regulations. Quarry highwalls will be bermed as needed to prevent accidental vehicle or equipment travel.

After Operations: Concurrent reclamation will not be practical for these quarries as access is important. No areas will be abandoned until the operator has quarried all of the salable stone which is profitable to produce. The land will be restored so it is suitable for wildlife habitat. Highwalls will be reduced in slope and if any pits are developed they will be partially backfilled

with waste material. Bench floors will be ripped prior to placement of waste to allow for better drainage. Waste dumps will be reduced to 3 horizontal: 1 vertical (3h:1v). If any portions of the waste dumps have been compacted, they will be ripped prior to placement of the plant growth material. The overall highwall, resulting in the pit slope, will be reduced to less than 45 degrees. Pit areas will be covered with plant growth material (subsoil, decomposed limestone, topsoil mix). Surfaces will be left in a roughened condition to allow water to seep into the surface, and then planted with the approved seed mixture. Areas to be revegetated will be broadcast seeded in October or early November. The operator will plan to stockpile enough plant growth material to cover the site with 12 inches of plant growth material.

The person representing the company is Mr. Mert Hamilton; Phone (435) 864-5242. Rocanville Stone is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mark Mesch, Acting Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 28 day of March, 2005

STATE OF UTAH

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Mary Ann Wright

Acting Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Rocanville Stone's Tejon Quarries, M/027/087 to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the <u>28th</u> day of March, 2005 to:

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